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Overview

There were 78 accidents in March 2009. This is a 4.9% decrease from February's 82 accidents. The command has experienced a decrease in crashes for three consecutive months. There were two fatal crashes, resulting in a two people killed. There were four accidents involving impaired drivers; two more than in February 2009. Of the 78 accidents, 11, or 14.1% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in four, or 36.4%, of those accidents. Eight of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity remained very consistent with February 2009, with 22 more citations issued in March 2009. Speed violations increased by 355 citations, or 35.4% from the prior month. Hazardous moving violations decreased by 28 citations, or 16.3% from the prior month. Occupant restraint violations increased by 100 citations, or 66.7% as compared to last year and remained consistent with February 2009. There were 31 arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash during February. This is a decrease of 5 as compared to February 2009 and an increase of 10, or 47.6% over March 2008.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 18.7%, or 106 inspections over February 2009. As such, enforcement activity increased 5.3% over February 2009. There were 40 more safety violations written in March than in February. There was a 34.4% increase in cited safety violations from February 2009. There were 32 vehicles and 15 drivers placed, "out of service" in March 2009. Vehicles placed out of service decreased 20% from February 2009 and drivers placed out of service decreased by 6.3% as compared to February 2009. Traffic personnel conducted 293 inspections during March. This is relatively the same as the prior month and last year.

Front office personnel showed a decrease of 39% from February in accident reports processed. There was a large increase of arrest reports processed; 68.3% as compared to February 2009. Incident reports processed decreased 55.6% during March as compared to last month for a total of 4. The Communications Center radio transmissions increased by 14% as compared to February 2009. CAD incidents and telephone calls decreased slightly from the prior month and year.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	March-09		March-08	% Change		February-09	% Change
Total Crashes	78		64	21.9%		82	-4.9%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	59		37	59.5%		63	-6.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	17		24	-29.2%		17	0.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2		3	-33.3%		2	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	4		2	100.0%		2	100.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	2		6	-66.7%		4	-50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		2	-200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		3	-300.0%		1	-100.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	11		13	-15.4%		16	-31.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	10		8	25.0%		13	-23.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		5	-80.0%		3	-66.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.6%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.1%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 14.1%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Accidents were down by 4 from February for a 4.9% decrease. There were 14 more crashes than the previous year for a 21.9% increase.
- There were 4 DUI crashes for the month of March which reflects a 100% increase from the previous month and previous year. The BAC results for all the DUI driver's are pending.
- There were two fatal crashes in March, which is the same as the previous month. It is a decrease of one or 33.3% from the previous year. Both accidents were single vehicle, single occupant.

There were 11 accidents involving commercial vehicles during March. This is an increase of five accidents or 31.3% from February 2009. The 11 accidents accounted for 14.1% of the total accidents in the Command. Of the 11 accidents, 4 or 36.4% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. There were two accidents involving a commercial vehicle in which the passenger vehicle driver was found to be at fault. Eight of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80. The remaining three occurred on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	March-09		March 08	% Change		February-09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	4		2	100.0%		2	100.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	31		21	47.6%		36	-13.9%
Other Arrests	157		158	-0.6%		125	25.6%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	79		71	11.3%		130	-39.2%
Speed violations	1357		1507	-10.0%		1002	35.4%
Hazardous moving violations	144		136	5.9%		172	-16.3%
Occupant restraint violations *	250		150	66.7%		256	-2.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	2586		2585	0.0%		2564	0.9%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	42		48	-12.5%		31	35.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	42		46	-8.7%		50	-16.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	672		477	40.9%		566	18.7%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		0	0.0%		7	-700.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	125		75	66.7%		93	34.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	788		555	42.0%		748	5.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	32		19	68.4%		40	-20.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	15		40	-62.5%		16	-6.3%
Total school buses inspected	120		114	5.3%		0	12000.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	11		12	-8.3%		0	1100.0%
Total trucks weighed	587		482	21.8%		701	-16.3%
Total overweight citations	14		11	27.3%		7	100.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	656		448	46.4%		517	26.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	100.0%		0	100.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Total violations increased by 40 violations or 5.3% from February 2009 and increased 42% or by 233 citations as compared to March 2008.
- Speed enforcement was up from February 2009 by 355 violations for a 35.4% increase. Hazardous moving violations decreased by 28 or 16.3% as compared to February. Occupant restraint violations increased by 100 or 66.7% from the previous year and declined slightly from last month at 2.3%.
- There were 31 DUI arrests prior to crashes for a 13.9% decrease from the prior month. This is a 47.6% increase over the same month last year. The average reported BAC for impaired drivers for March was .158.

- Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 106 safety inspections or 18.7% as compared to February. Inspections dramatically increased by 195, or 40.9% as compared to the previous year. Total violations were up by 40, or 5.3% as compared to March and 233, or 42% as compared to the previous year. There was a 34.4% increase, or 32 violations in cited safety violations as compared to February. There were 15 drivers and 32 vehicles placed out of service. Vehicles placed out of service increased 20%, or by 12 as compared to February. There was a decrease of 114, or 16.3% in the number of trucks weighed as compared to February. During March, Central Command Commercial troopers produced 84 traffic citations or traffic related arrests in addition to their commercial inspections.
- There were 587 trucks weighed by commercial enforcement in March. Of those trucks weighed, 135 were weighed on secondary roadways during 239 hours of intense, directed enforcement. This is an average of one truck being weighted every 1.7 hours while on high intensity, directed enforcement.
- AA II Suzana Ayala certified 492 commercial vehicle inspections and entered 297 hand written commercial vehicle inspections during March. Additionally, she entered 20 commercial vehicle accidents in SafetyNet.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
March-09	293	100	235	11	5	265	0
February-09	189	93	149	10	7	154	0
% Change	55.0%	7.5%	57.7%	10.0%	-28.6%	72.1%	#DIV/0!

March-09	293	100	235	11	5	265	0
March-08	296	96	245	18	10	253	0
% Change	-1.0%	4.2%	-4.1%	-38.9%	-50.0%	4.7%	#DIV/0!

- Traffic operations personnel conducted 293 level 2/3 inspections during March. This was an increase of 55% as compared to February 2009. There was an increase of 57.7% in repair orders as compared to last month. There was a slight decrease in repair orders of 4.1% as compared to last year. 100 citations were issued for safety violations a 7.5% increase from last month. There were 235 repair orders issued during the inspections with five vehicles and 11 drivers being placed out of service. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by two, or 28.6% as compared to February 2009. Drivers placed out of service increased by 10% from the prior month.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	February-09	January-09	% Change	February-08	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	68586	82876	-17.2%	55,332	14.2%
CAD incidents	6261	11321	-44.7%	7,166	-15.3%
Telephone Calls	7474	10984	-32.0%	8,618	-11.3%
Call Box Incidents	N/A	N/A	#VALUE!	74	-7400.0%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	68	122	-44.3%	112	-39.3%
Arrest Reports Processed	101	70	44.3%	60	68.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	4	8	-50.0%	9	-55.6%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	192	332	-42.2%	227	-15.4%
Warrants Entered	186	154	20.8%	391	-52.4%
Warrants Cleared	216	210	2.9%	398	-45.7%
Warrants Validated	1305	1753	-25.6%	2296	-43.2%
Extradition / Transports	9	7	28.6%	4	125.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	N/A	11		N/A	
New Items Submitted	N/A	24		N/A	
Items Disposed	N/A	5		N/A	

Contract Service overtime was 176.75 hours during six escorts totaling \$13,361.11.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Contract services were up in March as compared to February by \$5,424.94.
- Communications Center radio transmissions increased from the previous month and decreased from the previous year.
- The evidence section totals for March 2009 and February 2009 are unavailable due the reorganization of the evidence vaults.
- Front Office personnel processed less accident reports than the previous month and the previous year. The number of processed arrest increased by 68.3% as compared to the prior month. Incident reports decreased from the previous month and the previous year.
- The Court/Warrant Unit work experienced decreases in every category as compared to last month. The number of warrant validations completed are down because of the new process, but the actual number of validations coming into the Unit continues to rise.

PERSONNEL

PSD I Tonya Stone began her career with the Division on March 9th. There is currently a PSD IV opening in Dispatch, an AA III position in Court Warrants. The open AA II position in the front office has been filled by Tori Shumway; she will report to Central Command on April 6th.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

During the month of March, Trooper Stewart completed several safe driving presentations for employees of Barrick Gold. Additionally, Trooper Stewart conducted several interviews with NBC regarding the regions AED's and fatal and /or serious injury accidents. Trooper Stewart assisted at the range as a range master, updated the firearms inventory and updated the Employee Awards board.

AIR OPERATIONS

The Central Command Aircraft flew 30.5 hours, completing 12 missions during March. There were four speed enforcement missions flown for March. During the four speed enforcement missions, the aircraft produced the below listed activity:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	38
Hazardous	0
Non-Hazardous	10
Seat belt	2
Arrests	0

The remaining missions consisted of two line patrol missions for 3.3 hours of flight time and two prisoner transports. Eight motorists were assisted during these air missions. Compared to February, flight time was up 119%, and enforcement activity was up 127%. When compared to March 2008, flight time is down 29%, and enforcement activity is down 30%.